

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action issued June 30, 2005, the specification was objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Machida et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2001/0027375) in view of Creemer (U.S. Patent No. 6,795,710).

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. The specification has been amended as requested by the examiner, and has been clarified to more specifically express the subject of the invention. Claims 1, 6, and 11 have been amended to more particularly point out the subject matter that the inventor considers to be the invention. No new matter has been added.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to amended claim 1, and correspondingly to amended claims 6 and 11, is not unpatentable over Machida et al. in view of Creemer. Machida et al. teaches a storage unit for storing information relating to car navigation. The information consists primarily of route data as shown in Figures 12 through 17. Additionally, Creemer teaches an inference unit for inferring a mode of user transportation.

By contrast, the present invention, according to amended claim 1, and, correspondingly, to claims 6 and 11, further comprises a concept of estimating a user's desired destination, for example, a restaurant or store near the initial destination specified by the user. Neither Machida et al. nor Creemer teaches nor suggests estimating a user's desired destination based upon a specified destination and an inferred mode of transportation. Thus, the combination of Machida et al. and Creemer fail to disclose or suggest all of the limitations specified in the present invention. Therefore, the present invention is not unpatentable over Machida et al. in view of Creemer.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to define an invention that is novel and nonobvious over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

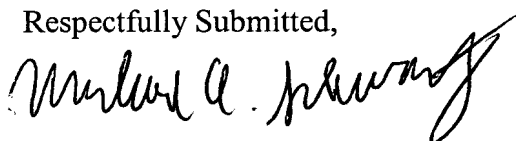
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19546.0044).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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